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PROF. NENIBARINI ZABBEY
PROJECT COORDINATOR
(HYPREP)

Exactly a year ago, when we reflected on the second year of my steering of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) Project Coordination Office (PCO), we decided to serialize some of the milestones achieved at the time in the May and June editions of the HYPREP Herald. Specifically, we highlighted the various stages of work on the more than 130 projects we were implementing, as well as their development results (outputs, outcomes, and impacts).

This month (May) marks three years of accelerated implementation of the Ogoni cleanup, with significant environmental and livelihood benefits for the people of Ogoni. Thus, the editorial team of the HYPREP Herald decided to also use this edition and the intervening June issue to serialize progress recorded on the Ogoni cleanup over the past three years.

Providing a concise account of the project's status in this form better informs stakeholders and reassures them about the successful

implementation of the recommendations in the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) (2011) report on the environmental assessment of Ogoniland.

Much progress has been made with the construction of the Ogoni Power Project (OPP). A year ago, the Ogoni Power Project was barely visible because the preliminary activities (e.g., drawings, route survey, tower spotting and geotechnical surveys, acquisition of the right-of-way, etc.), though reported, were somewhat intangible, and some of the construction equipment were being manufactured outside the country. We later took delivery of the equipment in good condition and put boots on the ground to construct the transmission line. Now, stakeholders, especially the Ogoni people who are closely monitoring the power project, are amazed by the speed at which the gantries and towers are being installed at the Bodo and Wiiyaakara substations. Having paid compensation for the wayleave, installation of the transmission tower loop between the Wiiyakara and the Bodo substations is underway.

While the construction of the transmission line and the substations is progressing well, we have launched a study for the distribution phase. The study is almost complete, and the PCO eagerly awaits the report by the end of this month to plan the intervening distribution phase of the OPP. Our aim is to maintain an uninterrupted workflow to ensure the speedy completion of the power project. In addition to the long-term sustainability and economic stimulation potential of the OPP, it is evident that the power transmission

project has created jobs and is used to build the capacity of Ogoni youths through learning by doing. Ownership is a key sustainability driver. Consequently, we have trained some electrical engineers from Ogoni and HYPREP staff working on the power project in transmission and substation management.

We have increased the number of potable water stations built and operationalised in Ogoni from the 10 reported last year to 16, plus 5 functioning solar-supported, windmill-powered facilities in remote and sparsely populated communities, thereby increasing the number of communities supplied with potable water from 30 to 49. This has improved sanitation and public health and lowered the cost of living in the benefiting communities. The monetary value of the listed water-related services can be determined through a structured research initiative.

I therefore seize this opportunity to appeal to Ogoni postgraduate students to focus their research projects on Ogoni, with the aim of generating empirical data that will advance knowledge and inform data-driven policies for development. This is a simple way to transform data-poor regions into data-sufficient ones. Similar research opportunities exist across all aspects of the Ogoni cleanup project, which I shall highlight as we discuss the various thematic areas.

Back to the potable water initiative of HYPREP. The Honourable Minister and Chairman of the HYPREP Governing Council, Balarabe Abbas Lawal, has repeatedly reminded us that water is the first victim of pollution, even as it is the foundation of life and life sustainability. In that

light, HYPREP is working assiduously to provide water for all Ogoni communities. We are currently constructing 29 headworks and 12 booster stations, which, upon completion, will increase the number of communities supplied with potable water to 106. In fact, 100% of communities in Eleme, Gokana, and Tai Local Government Areas (LGAs) and 95% of communities in Khana LGA would have been completed.

To ensure the optimal operation of the water facilities, in partnership with the Rivers State Government, we have trained respected community members to be inaugurated as members of the Water Consumers Association (WCA). The WCA shall sustainably manage the water facilities in collaboration with the State and the host Local Government. Power is the major cost of operating the water stations. This is why we have supplemented the water stations with solar power to ease WCA maintenance.

Significant progress has been made in public health. We have completed 100% of the construction of the Cottage Hospital in Buan, and the Ogoni Specialist Hospital is now 78.6% complete. We are strengthening the Bodo, Nonwa, Onne, and Kwawa/Taabaa. Recall that earlier we strengthened the Bori Zonal Hospital, Nchia and Terabo General Hospitals, and the Kpите Health Centre by providing state-of-the-art equipment. In addition, we have launched a three-year human health biomonitoring study in Ogoni, in partnership with the World Health Organisation's International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC).

Detailed information about these thematic milestones is provided in this

month's newsletter, while our achievements in land remediation, shoreline cleanup, mangrove restoration, linkages and partnerships, the Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration (CEER), and the designation of the Ogoni mangrove wetland as a Ramsar Site of International Importance will be covered in the next (June) issue of this newsletter.

Let me conclude this piece by thanking stakeholders for their unwavering support for the Ogoni Clean-up. We are grateful to the Honourable Minister of Environment and Chairman of the HYPREP Governing Council, Balarabe Abbas Lawal, whose wealth of knowledge, sustained support, and experience have guided our operations at the PCO. We also owe a great debt of gratitude to the Board of Trustees of the Ogoni Trust Funds and the members of the HYPREP Governing Council.

We are equally grateful to the Ogoni people, who have stood by us over the past three years, both in the office and in the field at every HYPREP site, helping to create a conducive environment for our work. We are thankful to UNEP and Renaissance Africa Energy for the technical support provided to HYPREP. Above all, we are especially thankful to the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, His Excellency Bola Ahmed Tinubu (GCFR), for the priority attention his administration has given to the Ogoni Clean-up Project and other interventions and development efforts in Ogoni.

We reassure stakeholders that, with your sustained support for the Project, we will deliver a world-class clean-up that we will all be proud of.

“Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.”



Four 60MVA Transformers for Ogoni Power Project

In This Issue

The present administration piloting the affairs of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) is three. It has been three years of accelerated implementation of the recommendations of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Report on Ogoniland.

In this issue, we begin the showcasing of major achievements, the impact these projects have had on the environment, life and livelihoods of the people.

Due to space, we bring you part 1 of the achievements in the thematic areas of Ogoni Power Project, Provision of Potable Water and Public Health Interventions. We will continue the rest in subsequent editions.

The HYPREP Herald will in our May and June editions serialize the impactful achievements of Prof. Zabbey which are visible and verifiable. The recent conferment of the Social Impact Man of The Year, 2025 Award on the HYPREP, Coordinator, Prof. Zabbey by the Independent Newspaper at the prestigious Eko Hotels and Suites, Lagos alongside other worthy Nigerians who grabbed similar awards in other categories. The award is a testament that HYPREP under Prof. Zabbey is working and impactfully too.

A further confirmation that

HYPREP is making impact in Ogoni is the affirmation by the Honourable Minister of Environment, Balarabe Abbas Lawal that HYPREP is among major environmental gains of the Federal Government. The Honourable Minister broke the cheering news at the 2026 first quarter presentation of the Ministry's achievements in a Virtual Citizens and Stakeholders' Engagement Session held in Abuja.

The Project continues to launch more high-demand skills under its sustainable livelihood programme to boost national productivity and incomes of households in Ogoni. The latest is the commencement of the training of one hundred Ogoni youths in Commercial Diving/Underwater Welding. The orientation ceremony for the first batch of 44 trainees, who are mostly ex-artisanal refiners was held at the Training institute in Eleme. The Commercial Diving/Underwater Welding is among other high-demand skills that HYPREP has developed to train the youths. Skills like Ship Fabrication and Blasting, Mud Lugging, Cyber Security, GIS and Crowd Mapping, Rope Access, Software Development, Full Stack Development, among others.

The Project Coordination Office joined the rest of the global community to mark the 2026 World Health Day with a pledge to continue to deliver efficient public health services in Ogoni. The Honourable Minister of Environment recently inaugurated the newly constituted Central Representative Advisory Committee (CRAC). CRAC is the organ of HYPREP that is saddled with

the responsibility of peacebuilding and conflict resolution between HYPREP and its host communities.

The officers of the Joint Intelligence and Monitoring Centre, Joint Task Force, South South were in HYPREP office recently to seek areas of collaboration with the Project in strengthening security operations and prevention of violent crimes in Ogoni. The Joint Task Force was led by its Coordinator, Major General Aliyu Abbas Idris.

The Project Coordinator of HYPREP, Prof. Zabbey was among dignitaries that attended the 90th posthumous birthday of late Albert Tombari Badey.

We have included our poetry corner for your reading pleasure. We encourage you to take time to go through the pages to acquaint yourself with the latest news on the Ogoni Clean-up Project.



Prof. Zabbey Inspects Underwater/Diving Facilities for HYPREP Trainees in Commercial Diving/Welding

News

OGONI CLEAN-UP: 3 YEARS OF ACCELERATED IMPACT (Part 1)

It has been three years of Professor Nenibarini Zabbey in the saddle as the Project Coordinator of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP). Within the period, Prof. Zabbey has accelerated the pace of project implementation across the different thematic areas of the Ogoni Clean-up Project in line with the President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's Renewed Hope Agenda to build infrastructure, improve the living condition of the Ogoni people, fast tract development and foster peace in the area.

In this special report, we compile the major achievements of the last three years on the Ogoni Clean-up Project. Due to space, we will serialize the achievements in subsequent editions of the HYPREP Herald.

OGONI POWER PROJECT

POWER TRANSMISSION LINE, PHASE 1

The Ogoni Power Project is an initiative of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project. The Power project consists of the Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) of two 60MVA 132/133KV Transmission Substations at Wiiyaakara and Bodo respectively, as well as a 132KV DC 62km Transmission Line (spanning Ebubu, Wiiyaakara, and Bodo Substations).

1.1 KEY DELIVERABLES

The key deliverables in the Ogoni Power Project - Phase 1 include the following:

1. The enumeration and valuation of

economic trees, crops, and other assets along the power transmission line.

2. Bodo (Gokana) and Wiiyaakara (Khana) substations (2 Nos

2 x 60 MVA, 132/133 KV Substations) infrastructure.

3. 62km 132KV DC Transmission line infrastructure.

1.1 GENERAL SITE ADMINISTRATION

Table 1: Site Administration

S/No.	Work Description	Completion (%)
A	Transmission Line Route Surveys	100
B	Alignment Route Surveys	100
C	Line route Surveys with Angle Points established	100
D	Line Route Acquisition	In progress
E	Homage to all the communities along the line route	100

1.2 SUBSTATION ACTIVITIES

Table 2: Activities Carried out

S/No.	Work Description	Completion (%)
A	Land acquisition for the S/S	80
B	Dozer clearing of the land area	90
C	Substation land surveys	75
D	Topographical surveys for the Wiiyaakara S/S	75
E	Geotechnical investigations for the S/S	100
F	Soil Laboratory Analysis	In progress
H	Topographical Survey Map	Awaited
I	Bore-hole with the overhead tank installed with clean Water	100

1.3 TRANSMISSION LINES

Table 3: Transmission Lines Activity

S/No.	Work Description	Progress Status	Completion (%)
A	Transmission Line Route Surveys	Completed	100
B	Alignment Route Surveys	Completed	100
C	Line route Surveys with Angle Points established	Completed	100
D	Line Route Acquisition	Ongoing	96
E	Homage to all the communities along the line route	Completed	100
F	Tower Spotting	Completed	100
G	Bush clearing of Transmission Line Route Yet to start	Yet to Start	-

2.1 WIIYAAKARA SUBSTATION
Table 4: Activities Carried out at Wiiyaakara Substation

S/No.	Work Description	Progress Status	Completion (%)
A	Land acquisition for the Substation (S/S)	Completed	100
B	Dozer clearing of the land area	Completed	100
C	Substation land surveys	Completed	100
D	Topographical surveys for the Wiiyaakara S/S	Completed	100
E	Geotechnical investigations for the S/S	Completed	100
F	Soil Laboratory Analysis	Completed	100
G	Topographical Survey Map	Awaited	95
H	Bore-hole with the overhead tank installed with clean Water	Completed	100
I	Perimeter fencing	In progress	
J	Site Temporary Admin Office (Portacabin) delivered	Completed	100

2.2 BODO SUBSTATION
Table 5: Activities Carried out at Bodo Substation

S/No.	Work Description	Progress Status	Completion (%)
A	Land acquisition for substation	Completed	100
B	Topographical surveys for the Substation Area	Completed	100
C	Dozer clearing of the land area acquired by HYPREP	Completed	100
D	Geotechnical investigations for the Substation	Completed	100
E	Subcontractor Survey Report	Completed	100
F	Geotechnical Survey / Laboratory Analysis Report	Completed	100
G	Subcontractor Topographical Survey Report	Completed	100
H	Site storage/office for construction workers	Completed	100
I	Borehole with the overhead tank installed with clean Water	Completed	100
J	Land clearing	Completed	100
K	Perimeter fencing	Ongoing	


Factory Acceptance Test (FAT) for the offshore Components of the Ogoni Power Project
PROJECT STATUS AS AT DECEMBER 2025
3.1 CRITERIA OF MEASUREMENT

The criteria for progress measurement are based on the typical TCN Specification for EPC Contract of:

S/N	Description	Percentage (%)
1	Engineering	5
2	Procurement	55
3	Construction	40
Total		100


The Power Team Takes Delivery of 4x60MVA Power Transformers at the Wiiyaakara Substation

PROJECT STATUS AS AT APRIL 2026

The Overall Performance of the Ogoni Power Project as of April 2026 is **64.36%**.

4.1 TRANSMISSION LINES

Table 6: Activities on the Transmission lines

S/N	ACTIVITY	STATUS	COMPONENTS OF DELIVERABLE
1	Engineering Design	4.16%	Approved designs
2	Procurement	48.51%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Material Ordered • Manufacturing in progress • Factory Acceptance Test (FAT) • Shipping • Custom Clearance • Transportation of offshore equipment to HYPREP Site
3	Construction, Installation and Commissioning	14.12%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28/28 132kv gantry foundations completed. • 22/28 132kv gantries erected. • 8/24 33kv gantry foundations completed. • 6nos 132kv gantry Beams erected. • Electrical, tiling and mechanical work in the staff quarters are ongoing.
	Overall Performance	66.79%	

4.2 WIIYAAKARA SUBSTATION

Table 7: Activities Carried out at Wiyiakara Substation

S/N	ACTIVITY	STATUS	COMPONENTS OF DELIVERABLE
1	Engineering Design	4.83%	Approved designs
2	Procurement	54.77%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Material Ordered • Manufacturing in progress • FAT • Shipping Custom Clearance • Transportation to HYPREP Site
3	Construction, installation and commissioning	0.50%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T7A (DD60 – Angle tower): Erection Completed. • T3A (DD60⁰ – Angle tower): Blinding of foundation base. • T4A (DD2 – Suspension tower): Completed concrete work. • T5A (DD90⁰ – Angle tower): Foundation cured and backfilled, set for erection. • T6A (DD2 – Suspension tower): Foundation cured and backfilled, set for erection.
	Overall performance	60.11%	



Erection of 17th 132 Gantry at Ogoni Power Substation

4.3 BODO SUBSTATION

Table 8: Activities Carried out at Bodo Substation

S/N	ACTIVITY	STATUS	COMPONENTS OF DELIVERABLE
1	Engineering Design	4.16%	Approved designs
2	Procurement	48.51%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Material Ordered • Manufacturing in progress • Factory Acceptance Test (FAT) • Shipping Custom Clearance • Transportation of offshore equipment to HYPREP Site
3	Construction, installation and commissioning	14.32%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28/28 132kv gantry foundations completed. • 26/28 132kv gantries erected. • 14/24 33kv gantry foundations completed. • Electrical, tiling and mechanical work in the staff quarters are ongoing.
Overall performance		66.99%	



Erection of 1st Tower T7A



Erection of 17th 132 Gantry at Ogoni Power Substation

POTABLE WATER

Executive Summary

Over the past three years, the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP), under the leadership of Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey, has made significant progress in improving access to potable water across Ogoniland. Key achievements include the successful commissioning and operation of multiple water schemes under Batch 1, substantial progress across Batch 2 projects, and ongoing execution of Batch 3 initiatives. Renewable energy integration such as solar-powered pumps and windmill-driven facilities has further enhanced sustainability. Overall, these interventions have improved water accessibility, public health, and infrastructure resilience across Ogoni communities.

HYPREP Water Facilities



WATER PROJECT DISTRIBUTION ACROSS OGOINLAND

Total commissioned: 15
Awaiting Commissioning: 6
Total Operational Stations: 18
Total Communities Serviced: 50

BATCH 1 WATER PROJECTS

Five Water Stations Across Eleme, Gokana, Tai, and Khana LGAs. Several Facilities are Operational and Serving Benefiting Communities

LGA	LOT NO	LOT NAME / SCOPE	COMMUNITIES COVERED	STATUS
ELEME	WSP02	Ebubu (1 Headwork) Ogale (1 Headwork)	Ebubu, Ejama, Agbeta and Obolo	✓ Ebubu operational ✓ Ogale is under construction
GOKANA	WSP03	Terabor (1 Headwork) Biara (1 Booster)	Mogho, lewe, kpor, Gbe, Bera, Gioko and Nweol.	✓ Terabor operational ✓ Biara is under construction
	WSP04	Barako (1 Headwork) B-Dere (1 Headwork)	Barako, B-Dere	✓ Barako operational ✓ B-Dere is under construction
TAI	WSP05	Korokoro (1 Headwork) Nonwa (1 Headwork)	Korokoro, Ueken, Nonwa	✓ Korokoro operational ✓ Nonwa is under construction
KHANA	WSP06	Bori (1 Headwork) Kpean (1 Headwork) Zaakpon (1 Booster)	Bori, Kpean, Teenama, Teeraue	✓ Kpean operational ✓ Bori is still under construction

BATCH 2 WATER PROJECTS

Award of 14 Water Lots with Multiple Projects Completed, Operational, or Ongoing Across the Region, Significantly Expanding Access to Potable Water

Khana	WSP07	Bane (1 Headwork) Buan (1 Headwork)	Buan, Kono, Kwawa, Ewee, Bane	✓ Bane commissioned ✓ Others are still under construction
	WSP08	Uegwere (1 Headwork) Kaa (1 Headwork) Gbam (1 Booster)	Uegwere, Kono Boue, Gbam Boue, Nyorkwiri Boue, Kono Boue, Kereken Boue and Kaa	✓ Uegwere operational ✓ Kaa is under construction ✓ Gbam is under construction
	WSP09	Taabaa (1 Headwork) Nyorkuru (1 Booster)	Taabaa, Nyorkuru	✓ Taabaa operational ✓ Nyorkuru ongoing
	WSP10	Sogho (1 Headwork) Kaani (1 Headwork)	Luusue Sogho, Zor Sogho, Akporo, Barakaani, Teka, Kaani1 and Kaani2	✓ Both are under construction

	WSP20	Beeri (1 Headwork) Kpong (1 Booster)	Nyobe, Nyoghor, Luere, Yorh, Saah, Beakogoro, Luegbo, Kor, Kpong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Beeri operational ✓ Kpong is under construction
	WSP16	Okwale (1 Headwork) Lueku (1 Headwork)	Okwale, Baa, Lueku, Nyorwii, Tem, Wiikue, Agbani	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Both are under construction
	WSP18	Gwara (1 Headwork) Eeken (1 Booster) Gurre (1 Booster)	Gwara, Bien, Luuyor, Eeken, Kapnor, Gurre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Gwara commissioned ✓ Eeken and Gurre are under construction
Gokana	WSP11	Bodo (1 Headwork)	Bodo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Bodo operational
	WSP17	Bomu (1 Headwork) Deyor (1 Headwork) Deken (1 Headwork)	Bomu, Deyor, Deken, Nwebiara	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Bomu operational. ✓ Deyor and Deken are under construction
Tai	WSP12	Kpite (1 Headwork) Horo (1 Booster)	Kpite, Horo, Botem, Gbeneue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Both are under construction
	WSP13	Borobara (1 Headwork) Kporgor (1 Headwork)	Borobara, Kira, Gio, Kporgor, Bara-lue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Kporgor operational ✓ Borobara is under construction
	WSP15	Barayira (1 Headwork)	Barayira, Sime, Bara-ale, Norkpo1 and Norkpo 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Barayira is under construction
	WSP19	Koroma (1 Headwork) Bunu (1 Headwork)	Koroma, Bunu, kaani Bunu, Kpete Bunu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Bunu operational ✓ Koroma is under construction
Eleme	WSP14	Eteo (1 Headwork) Onne (1 Headwork)	Onne, Eteo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Eteo operational ✓ Onne is under construction
BATCH 2 (PHASE 2) WATER PROJECTS Includes K-Dere Water Scheme, Windmill-Powered Mini Water Facilities, and Hybrid-Solar Powered Upgrades to Enhance Sustainability.				
Gokana	WSP21	K-Dere (1 Headwork)	K-Dere	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ K-Dere operational but awaits commissioning
Khana		Installation of 6 nos hybridised windmill/Solar-powered mini-water facilities in isolated and small communities in Khana LGA.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Kpaa, Yaataa, Kalaoko, Bere and Luekue Bangha are operational but not yet commissioned ✓ Wiisueko yet to commence

All 4 LGAs		Supply and installation of hybrid solar powered water pumps in batch 1 water stations	✓ At 70% completion	
BATCH 3 WATER PROJECTS				
Award of Seven (7) Water Lots Currently Under Construction Across the Four (4) LGAs				
Eleme	WSP22	Aleto (1 Headwork)	Aleto	Ongoing
Tai	WSP23	Ban Ogoi (1 Headwork) Gbaken (1 Booster)	Ban Ogoi Gbaken	Ongoing
Gokana	WSP25	Yeghe (1 Headwork)	Yeghe	Ongoing
Khana	WSP24	Luumene (1 Headwork) Kabangha (1 Headwork)	Luumene Kabangha	Ongoing
	WSP26	Baen (1 Headwork) Pue (1 Headwork)	Baen, Duburo, Pue, Kaazor	Ongoing
	WSP27	Sii (1 Headwork) Kaani Babbe (1 Headwork)	Sii/Kaani Babbe	Ongoing
	WSP28	Wiyakara (1 Headwork) Betem (1 Headwork) Luawi (1 Booster)	Wiyakara / Betem / Luawi	Ongoing



Students Fetch Water at HYPREP Water Station, Barako

PUBLIC HEALTH INTERVENTIONS IN Ogoni

1.0 Introduction

The Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP), through its Public Health Unit, continues to record significant progress in strengthening healthcare infrastructure and service delivery across Ogoniland. These interventions align with HYPREP's mandate to address the public health impacts of hydrocarbon pollution while building resilient and sustainable health systems in affected communities.

This report highlights key achievements, ongoing activities, and recent developments, including hospital construction, health system strengthening initiatives, renewable energy deployment, medical equipment procurement, and the commencement of human biomonitoring studies.

2.0 Summary of Key Achievements

- Advancement in major health facility construction projects
- Near completion of the Buan Cottage Hospital
- Ongoing development of the Ogoni Specialist Hospital (78% completion)
- Purchase and deployment of ambulances to strengthen emergency response systems
- Installation of solar power systems across selected health facilities
- Procurement of advanced medical equipment currently en route to Nigeria for the Nonwa Primary Health Care Centre, Bodo General Hospital, and Buan Cottage Hospital
- Commencement of the Ogoni Human Biomonitoring Study

These interventions collectively enhance healthcare access, service delivery, and system resilience across Ogoniland.

Facility	Status	Key Activities Completed
Ogoni Specialist Hospital	78% Completed	Installation of windows, air-conditioning systems, air handling units, and lift systems, wall screeding, ongoing gas piping and internal finishing works
Buan Cottage Hospital	100% Completed	Completion of painting, post-construction cleaning, installation of hospital beds, CCTV systems, water heaters, gas piping, and sanitary fittings



Donation of Five Ambulances to Terabor General Hospital, Eleme General Hospital, Bodo General Hospital, Bori Zonal Hospital, and Kpите Primary Health Care Centre



Aerial View of Buan Cottage Hospital, Khana LGA, Ogoniland

The Buan Cottage Hospital is currently at the final commissioning and operational readiness stage, while work at the Ogoni Specialist Hospital is focused on internal finishing and preparation for equipment installation.

B. Expansion of Health System Strengthening Programme

The Public Health Unit has expanded interventions to additional facilities through the procurement of modern medical equipment.

Facilities Benefiting from Equipment Deployment:

- Buan Cottage Hospital
- Nonwa Primary Health Care Centre
- Bodo General Hospital

Status:

All equipment (procured from Siemens and Biobase) is currently en route to Nigeria as of April 17, 2026.

C. Ambulance Procurement and Distribution

To strengthen emergency medical response and referral systems, ambulances have been deployed to the following facilities:

- Bori Zonal Hospital
- Terabor General Hospital
- Eleme General Hospital
- Bodo General Hospital
- Kpitem Primary Health Care Centre

This intervention is expected to significantly reduce referral delays and improve patient outcomes.

D. Deployment of Solar Power Systems

To ensure uninterrupted power supply, 36kW solar photovoltaic systems have been installed at:

- Onne Primary Health Care Centre
- Nonwa Primary Health Care Centre
- Kpitem Primary Health Care Centre
- Kwawa Primary Health Care Centre
- Bodo General Hospital

These systems support critical



IARC-WHO Team's Visit to Tai

medical operations and reduce dependence on fossil fuel-based energy sources.

4.0 Ogoni Human Biomonitoring Study

The Ogoni Human Biomonitoring Study, being conducted by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) of the World Health Organization (WHO), has officially commenced.

This landmark initiative aims to:

- Assess human exposure to environmental contaminants
- Generate evidence-based data for long-term health interventions
- Strengthen public health response strategies in Ogoniland

Additional facility upgrades and support interventions are planned to enhance the capacity of participating health facilities.

5.0 Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) Summary

- No major HSE incidents recorded during the reporting period
- Full compliance with safety standards across all project sites
- Continuous site inspections and safety monitoring ongoing

6.0 Challenges Encountered

- Delays related to international shipment and logistics of medical equipment

- Coordination challenges among contractors working simultaneously on-site

- Minor delays in finishing works due to interdependencies (e.g., HVAC and gas piping installations)

7.0 Mitigation Measures

- Active engagement with logistics partners to expedite cargo clearance
- Strengthened coordination meetings among contractors
- Implementation of phased and synchronized work schedules

8.0 Plans for the Upcoming Week

- Progress Ogoni Specialist Hospital construction toward 85% completion
- Final inspection and commissioning of Buan Cottage Hospital
- Facilitate clearance and delivery of incoming medical equipment
- Begin installation planning in beneficiary facilities
- Continue HSE compliance monitoring across all sites

9.0 Conclusion

HYPREP continues to demonstrate strong commitment to improving healthcare infrastructure and services across Ogoniland.

These interventions will contribute meaningfully to the environmental restoration and long-term public health resilience in Ogoniland.

PROF. ZABBEY EMERGES SOCIAL IMPACT MAN OF THE YEAR, 2025 - *Reassures Sustained Commitment to Ogoni Transformation*

The Project Coordinator of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP), Professor Nenibarini Zabbey has emerged the Daily Independent Social Impact Man of the Year, 2025.

The award was presented to Prof. Zabbey at the Independent Awards 2025 Silver Jubilee Edition held at the Eko Hotels, Lagos State.

Managing Director and Editor-in-Chief, Independent Newspapers, Steve Omanufeme explained that the award was to celebrate 25 years legacy of editorial credibility, with the theme, "Game Changers: Breaking Barriers, Shaping Tomorrow."

Omanufeme disclosed that the awardees emerged through thorough public voting, editorial board review, and assessment by reputable judges and stated that Prof. Zabbey's emergence is a recognition of his significant commitment, life-changing interventions and transformative actions in Ogoni communities as Project Coordinator of HYPREP.

With over two decades of experience in Research, Advocacy, Capacity Development, Administration, and Global Networking, Prof. Zabbey has transformed the socio-ecological landscape of Ogoniland with his leadership of the Ogoni Clean-up Project.

In about three years in the saddle as HYPREP Coordinator, Prof Zabbey has brought the Ogoni Clean-up Project closer to the people by initiating people-centric programmes. Prominent among them are the



Prof. Zabbey - Recipient of the Daily Independent Social Impact Man of the Year Award, 2025

creation of over 7,000 direct jobs and the training of Ogoni youths and women in high-demand skills in Creative Arts, Air Cabin Crew, Seafaring, and Mechatronics.

Other high-demand skill training courses are the ongoing Commercial Diving and Underwater Welding, Mud Logging, Full Stack Development, Cybersecurity, GIS and Cloud Mapping, among others.

HYPREP, under his leadership, has also trained 5,000 Ogoni youths and women in 21 skill sets, including Argon Welding and Metal Fabrication, Offshore/Onshore Operations, Crane Operation, Solar Panel and CCTV Installation, and Data Analytics, and has provided beneficiaries with start-up kits.

To build local capacity in environmental stewardship, HYPREP has established 31 environmental clubs in secondary schools, initiated a

robust internship programme for undergraduates, and trained 2500 Ogoni youths in International Maritime Organization (IMO) Levels 1, 2 and 3 who are the community workers at various HYPREP shoreline clean-up and mangrove restoration sites.

Combining science and indigenous knowledge, Prof. Zabbey is leading the world's largest restoration of oil-degraded mangroves. The successful clean-up of over 1000 ha of shoreline and the restoration of 560 ha with thriving, multi-species mangroves that stimulate biodiversity recovery and local fisheries have led to the designation of the Ogoni mangrove wetlands by the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands as a Ramsar Site of International Importance.

Other social impact initiatives

support for 60 SMEs, training of 300 persons living with special needs in 5 skill sets, fast tracking the construction of some legacy and social transformation projects, such as the Ogoni Power Project and the Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration, the Ogoni Specialist Hospital and a Cottage Hospital, in addition to strengthening hospitals and health centres in Ogoniland.

To enhance health emergency and referral services, HYPREP, under Zabbey's leadership, donated five ambulances to four General Hospitals and one Primary Health Centre in Ogoni. Other landmark social impact initiatives and projects being driven by Prof. Zabbey include providing potable water to over 43 communities and constructing wind-powered water facilities in sparsely populated Ogoni communities to foster inclusivity.

His engagement of 1,000 youths in civil security, as a non-kinetic security approach, has enhanced

HYPREP peacebuilding in Ogoniland. Equally, the robust engagement with ex-artisanal refiners in Ogoni is yielding both social, economic and environmental dividends. No doubt, Prof. Zabbey is stretching the frontiers of community and public service to engender sustainable development in the Niger Delta region and beyond.

Expressing delight in the emergence of the Project Coordinator, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey as the Social Impact Man of the Year, 2025, HYPREP believes this prestigious award, which came through a meticulous and well-coordinated voting process by the flagship Independent Newspaper: one of the most read newspapers in Nigeria, acknowledges the strategic shift under the leadership of the Project Coordinator, Professor Nenibarini Zabbey, which has moved beyond simple environmental clean-up to include comprehensive sustainable

livelihood initiatives, community empowerment, and social inclusion.

Upon the receipt of the award, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey said the honour is proof that HYPREP's approach to the Ogoni clean-up - covering environmental restoration, health, and sustainable livelihood, construction of legacy projects, is delivering lasting value.

"We remain committed to the 'Renewed Hope Agenda' of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu to deliver a fit-for-purpose cleanup that restores not just the soil, but the livelihood of our people, " the Project Coordinator assured.

HYPREP expresses appreciation to the management of the Daily Independent Newspapers for the recognition, the Federal Ministry of Environment for oversight of the clean-up project, and the Ogoni communities for their continued support, acceptance and ownership of various projects done in the area.



HYPREP Staff and Friends Celebrate with Prof. Zabbey on his Award as Independent Social Impact Man of the Year, 2025

FG RANKS HYPREP AMONG MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL GAINS

The Federal Government of Nigeria is pleased with the achievements of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP), describing the Ogoni Clean-up Project as being among top major environmental gains it recorded in Quarter 1 of 2026.

The Honourable Minister of Environment, Balarabe Abbas Lawal stated this while presenting the achievements of the Ministry for the first quarter of 2026 in a Virtual Citizens and Stakeholders' Engagement Session in Abuja.

Lawal pointed out that HYPREP recorded major milestones in shoreline clean-up, mangrove restoration - with over 1.5 million mangrove seedlings planted in phase 1, potable water supplies in 43 communities, and ongoing construction of healthcare infrastructure -100-bed Ogoni

Specialist Hospital and 43-bed Buan Cottage Hospital, while also training thousands of youths in environmental remediation and other high-demand skill areas.

The Honourable Minister also highlighted the Ministry's achievements across other key areas, such as forestry, climate change, pollution control and land restoration with an accelerated effort to further strengthen agroforestry initiatives, mangrove restoration in the Niger Delta, and Nigeria's leadership role as Co-Chair of the High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People (HAC for N&P).

Lawal, who is also the Chairman of HYPREP Governing Council, further announced that Nigeria has strengthened its position on climate action with the launch of a national carbon market and participation at international carbon fora, and

informed his audience of the Ministry's transition to full digital operations in January 2026, aimed at improving efficiency and reducing paper usage in line with sustainability goals.

The 2026 first quarter virtual citizens and stakeholders' engagement aligns with the Renewed Hope Agenda of the President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's administration, and underscores the Ministry's commitment to environmental sustainability and ecosystem restoration.

The Project Coordinator of HYPREP, Professor Nenibarini Zabbey was represented at the session by Professor Damian-Paul Aguiyi – the Director, Technical Services, HYPREP, having in attendance Heads of Department, Agency and Project.



Environment Minister, Balarabe Abbas Lawal Briefs Stakeholders on Ministry's Achievements for 1st Quarter, 2026

HYPREP COMMERCIAL DIVING/UNDERWATER WELDING TRAINING TO BOOST NATIONAL ECONOMY

The Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project has commenced the training of 100 youths of Ogoni extraction in Commercial Diving and Underwater Welding, an initiative aimed at boosting local and national economic growth, providing alternative livelihoods, enhancing the Ogoni cleanup, and stemming sabotage to oil facilities in the area.

The HYPREP's funded training, which is being carried out by Mamba Underwater Diving Services Nigeria Limited, and Subweb Training Academy, was flagged off by the Project Coordinator, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey at Egbu, Eleme, with 44 trainees inducted as first batch in the series of the six-month training programme.

The beneficiaries who are ex-artisanal refiners in Ogoniland were carefully selected from the communities to undergo the programme that will have significant benefits on the local and national economy as well as curb environmental pollution, foster economic growth through skill acquisition, reduce re-pollution, promote sustainable livelihoods, and boost local productivity and stability.

In his keynote address, the HYPREP Coordinator, Prof. Zabbey said the intervention is a key component of HYPREP's livelihood restoration efforts in Ogoni, specifically targeted at Ex-Artisanal Refiners, providing an opportunity for them to transit from informal and hazardous activities to legal, safe, and sustainable employment, and that the application process for other high-



Exhibition at the Commencement of HYPREP Commercial Diving/Underwater Welding Training

Crowd-Mapping, Rope Access, Software Development, Full stack Development, and more, has ended, and the process for selecting successful candidates has started.

The Project Coordinator noted that the Commercial Diving and Underwater Welding Programme, along with other livelihood interventions, is part of HYPREP's broader commitment to discourage artisanal refining and oil theft by equipping beneficiaries with globally recognized industry skills, and that as highlighted in the UNEP Environmental Assessment of Ogoniland report, artisanal refining poses serious threats to the environment and human health.

Prof. Zabbey urged trainees to view the programme as the first step towards building legitimate and

restored mangrove sites in Ogoni, and urged them to continue in this role.

He also gave special recognition to the security team, whose dedication and ongoing engagement with the Forum, he said, have helped sustain anti-pollution efforts, wishing the trainees a successful and rewarding training experience.

Managing Director of Mamba Underwater Diving Services Nigeria Limited, Mr. Michael Lubabari Baaba, and the Chief Executive Officer of Subweb Training Academy, Mr. Julius Ugwala, gave facility guides and also took the trainees through the Training Modules.

They cautioned the trainees against truancy and acts of indiscipline, and particularly warned against consumption of alcohol while in training and during operations,

explaining that commercial diving is a more serious career than vocational diving, reminding the trainees that they have come to get a career, and must take the training seriously.

The consultants expressed appreciation to the Project Coordinator for conceiving the programme, and assured both HYPREP and the trainees of offering the best of training and keeping a good relationship with them.

“You must maintain a good attitude and be disciplined. It's a serious profession, and it's like military training. Any mistake leads to serious disaster. Transformation is possible, irrespective of who you are.

So, be prepared to acquire multiple skills,” the Managing Director of Subweb Training Academy admonished.

The Trainees were also presented with their medical fitness certificates by the Project Coordinator, Prof. Zabbey, followed by a charge by the Head, Sustainable Livelihoods, Mrs. Josephine Nzidee, and goodwill message by the Facilitator of Ogoni Ex-Artisanal Refiners Forum, Dr. Elvis Ikoma.

Dr. Ikoma commended the Project Coordinator, Prof. Zabbey for demonstrating passion for the Ogoni cleanup, and for empowering the Ex-artisanal Refiners, as well as being

sensitive to the damage artisanal refining poses to the environment and health of the people.

He appealed to the beneficiaries to take their selection as well as the training as a privilege, not a right, and to demonstrate absolute commitment and loyalty to the course.

The event featured exhibition of diving equipment and tour of facilities at Subweb Training Academy.

Other dignitaries at the event included the Director of Technical Services, Prof. Damian-Paul Aguiyi, Management and staff of HYPREP and the training firms.



HYPREP Coordinator, Prof. Zabbey with Trainees and Participants During the Kickoff of Commercial Diving/Underwater Welding Training

HYPREP COMMITS TO PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE DELIVERY

The Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) has reiterated its unflinching commitment to the delivery of efficient public health services in Ogoni communities, pursuant to its core mandate and recommendations by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

Project Coordinator of HYPREP, Professor Nenibarini Zabbey made the pledge in a speech to commemorate the 2026 World Health Day Celebration.

He remarked that as the day highlights global pressing health issues and mobilizes action to improve public health outcomes, HYPREP believes that everyone deserves good health and no one should be left behind in global plans of providing accessible and affordable health services to all citizens, especially the Ogoni population which aligns with the theme for the World Health Day, 2026: **"Together for health. Stand with Science."**

"In celebrating this year's World Health Day, HYPREP further reassures its focused and determined efforts to achieving the UNEP report recommendation for "a focused medical study to track the health of the Ogoni community over their lifetimes to ensure any possible health impacts are identified early enough and acted upon. In carrying out this mandate, HYPREP had engaged the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) to conduct an internationally acceptable Human Biomonitoring Study in Ogoni."

Prof. Zabbey further stated that in

an effort to improve access to public health services in Ogoni, HYPREP has strengthened some hospitals in the area with state-of-the art equipment, provided solar-powered electricity supply, and donated ambulances to support swift emergency response and referral services, which underscores HYPREP's quest for everyone to attain better, affordable and standard physical and mental health without discrimination or barriers.

In the area of provision of health infrastructure, Prof. Zabbey disclosed specific efforts made to provide and upgrade facilities in public health institutions in the area.

"In like manner, the 100 – Bed Ogoni Specialist Hospital and the 43-Bed Cottage Hospital built in Ogoni are efforts that align with the focus of the theme on leveraging scientific collaboration, evidence-based action, and the "One Health" approach to protect human, animal, and environmental health.

"It is our conviction that the various efforts and initiatives taken will achieve expected results, and therefore, appeal to all citizens to take advantage of the health services and supports provided by HYPREP and other health institutions in the area and

live a healthy life."

He maintained that all the programmes so far initiated by HYPREP are aimed at tackling modern health challenges through innovation and science-led solutions, with emphasis on the need for effective collaborative actions between various health institutions in tackling prevalent health issues in the communities, and as key aspects of the 2026 campaign, to rebuild trust in scientific evidence, combat misinformation, address the interconnected health of people, animals, plants, and ecosystems, as well as mobilizing governments and partners to turn scientific evidence into policy action.

The HYPREP Coordinator used the occasion of the celebration to commend the Ogoni Kingdom Majesties, Paramount rulers, men, women, and the youths for being receptive to the Human Biomonitoring Study, which he described as a social license willingly given to the health study team, in the same way that the people are cooperating with the Project Coordination Office at various project sites.



HYPREP Free Medical Outreach

LAWAL INAUGURATES NEWLY APPOINTED CRAC MEMBERS - *Tasks them on Peacebuilding in Ogoni*

In a bid to ensure a smooth working relationship between the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) and the Ogoni community, the Honourable Minister of Environment and Chairman of the Governing Council of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project, Balarabe Abbas Lawal has inaugurated the newly appointed members of the Central Representative Advisory Committee (CRAC) of HYPREP, urging them to focus on peacebuilding in the area and help manage public expectation.

The inauguration ceremony took place in the Federal Capital City of Abuja, where the Honourable Minister urged members to promote harmony in project communities and ensure smooth, uninterrupted implementation of projects.

He attributed the prevailing harmonious atmosphere in host communities to CRAC's contributions to peacebuilding and described CRAC as a critical part of the Ogoni Clean-up Project.

Lawal noted that the Project is people-centred, which informs its decision to implement projects, programmes and policies that have direct benefits for the Ogoni people, especially job creation, skills acquisition and other sustainable livelihood opportunities.

The Minister stated that members of the Committee are persons with proven track records of community service, passion, and commitment to the Ogoni Cleanup Project, and urged them to use their new role to foster robust stakeholder engagement, buy-in, and community support for the

Project.

To ensure that the Committee delivers on its mandate, the Minister stressed the need to involve them in project operations that have component of community engagement, while reiterating that the Project will continue to plan with communities to ensure effective project delivery.

Project Coordinator of HYPREP, Professor Nenibarini Zabbey, who doubles as Chairman of CRAC, assured that the Project will continue to raise the bar through capacity building in arbitration and mediation, noting that the training of members of CRAC and other community leaders in Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) has significantly contributed to stabilizing Ogoni and largely reduced the number of litigations, and



Environment Minister, Lawal (7th); HYPREP Coordinator, Prof. Zabbey (8th); Chairman Ogoni Trust Funds, Deeyah (9th) with Newly Inaugurated Members of CRAC



Some Members of the Newly Inaugurated CRAC

commended the Honourable Minister for the choice of members.

In their submissions, Chairman, Board of Trustees of the Ogoni Trust Fund Incorporated, Hon. Emma Deeyah charged members of CRAC to see their appointment as call to service delivery, while HRM King (Dr) Suanu T.Y. Baridam, Gbenemene of ancient Bangha commended the Hon. Minister for the appointments and assured that members will uphold the confidence reposed in them.

On his part, Engr Ehioze Igbinowanhia, the Project Support Lead of Renaissance African Energy Company to HYPREP, assured that the International Oil Companies (IOCs) will continue to ensure that the Ogoni Cleanup Project delivers lasting impact, adding that the Project's progress is largely dependent on collaboration, accountability and mutual respect.

In his submission at the event,

Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Environment, Dr. Salihu Aminu Usman, said the success of the Ogoni Cleanup Project is evident in the confidence it has restored in the hearts of the people and enjoined the Committee to engender confidence-building and collective bargaining to gain stakeholders' trust and support for the Project.

Highlight of the programme was the unveiling of HYPREP handbook on contractor-community relations, entitled, Guidelines on Contract Administration, Community Engagement and Conflict Resolution.

The setting up of CRAC is in accordance with Paragraph 24 of the Gazette establishing HYPREP. The composition of the newly inaugurated CRAC is as given below:

1. Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey - Project Coordinator/Chairman
2. HRM King (Dr) Suanu T.Y. Baridam - Member, Khana LGA

3. HRM King (Sir) Samuel Nnee - Member, Tai LGA
4. HRH Chief Emperor J.D. Nkpe - Member, Eleme LGA
5. Chief Keeper Gbaranor - Member, Khana LGA
6. HRH Mene Stephen Kpea - Member, Gokana LGA
7. Rev. Jonathan B. Mubana - Member, Gokana LGA
8. Mrs. Mary Ndume, DSP (Rtd.) - Member, Tai LGA
9. Alabo High Chief Nengi James (OON) - Member, Rep of the CSOs
10. High Chief Ngei Chu - Member, Eleme LGA
11. Representative of the Rivers State Government - to be nominated
12. Engr. Ehioze Igbinowanhia - Rep. of IOCs, Member
13. Mr Richard Mkpee, Head Stakeholders Engagement Unit - Secretary.

JOINT MILITARY TASK FORCE SEEKS SYNERGY WITH HYPREP IN PEACEBUILDING

The Joint Intelligence and Monitoring Centre, Joint Task Force (South-South), Operation Delta Safe, JIMC JTF, has indicated readiness to collaborate with the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) to strengthen security operations, prevent violent conflict and address its root causes for a sustainable peace to create a conducive environment for HYPREP to carry out its activities in Ogoni.

Speaking during a familiarization visit of the JIMC Joint Task Force (South-South) to HYPREP Project Coordination Office in Port Harcourt, the Coordinator of the JIMC JTF (South-South), Major General Aliyu Abbas Idris, said the visit was to introduce the command, its operations and discuss possible and effective ways of collaboration through information and intelligence sharing, with the aim of achieving uninterrupted project activities, safety

of personnel and equipment, and security of oil and gas, and other critical facilities in the Ogoni area, which is part of the core mandate of the Task Force in the Niger Delta.

The JIMC JTF (South-South) Coordinator, Major General Idris stated that the Joint Task Force (JTF) South-South, code-named “Operation Delta Safe” (OPDS), is a specialized military operation in Nigeria, tasked with protecting oil and gas infrastructure, curbing crude oil theft, and maintaining stability in the Niger Delta region, adding that its mandate focuses on creating a secure environment to increase Nigeria's crude oil production as a key directive from the Federal Government.

Major General Idris explained that the Joint Task Force is an Interagency Collaboration, which consists of personnel from the Nigerian Armed Forces, Department of State Security (DSS), Nigeria Police, and the Nigeria Security and

Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC).

He further said the Joint Operation Area is the entire Niger Delta States (Bayelsa, Delta, Rivers), as well as the southern areas of Abia, Akwa Ibom, Cross River, Imo, Edo, and Ondo, adding that the Task Force, right from inception, has protected oil and gas infrastructure from vandalism, curbed crude oil theft and illegal bunkering, ensured economic sustainability by increasing Nigeria's crude oil production capacity, and stopping economic sabotage with the eradication of activities that negatively affect the economy of the oil-producing region.

The JIMC JTF Coordinator explained that part of their essential tasks include securing the Joint Operations Area (JOA) by ensuring the safety of lives and properties in the Niger Delta, including maritime security against sea robbery and piracy, and intelligence-driven operations, which are its Operational Scope and Strategies.

Major General Idris stated that the Task Force, as an integration of sister agencies, exists to coordinate, analyze and report activities to the Chief of Defense Staff, and that its operations are interrelated, which help to bridge the gap between operators, regulators, and various security agencies.

He commended HYPREP for the good work it is doing in the implementation of its mandate and assured the Task Force's readiness to collaborate with the Project to deliver on its objectives.

Also speaking, a member of the Task Force and Director, Intelligence Operations, Brigadier General Y Bello



L-R: HYPREP DTS, Prof. Damian-Paul Aguiyi; Coordinator, JIMC JTF, Major General Aliyu Abbas Idris; HYPREP Coordinator, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey; HYPREP Head, Security Unit, AIG Emmanuel Effiom (Rtd.) During the Visit of the JIMC JTF to HYPREP

re-emphasized the need for collaboration, expressing optimism in the success of such cooperation.

“What we want is friendship. We have seen that you are working on a confirmed hypothesis, and we want to assure a partnership in security, development and whatever we can do to ensure the success of the work we are all doing. We need to engage more, knowing that the dynamics of security are not constant.”

Responding, the Project Coordinator of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP), Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey expressed delight at the visit of the Coordinator, Joint Intelligence and Monitoring Centre (South-South), Operation Delta Safe, Major General AA Idris and other principal officers of the Joint Task Force, and commended the National Security Adviser, Mallam

Nuhu Ribadu, for supporting the Cleanup Project by way of provision of security for the operations of HYPREP in Ogoni.

He explained that the activities of the Project in the various thematic areas have significantly contributed to peacebuilding, improved security, and checked oil theft and environmental pollution in Ogoni.

Prof. Zabbey stated that the achievement of HYPREP's peacebuilding objective is made possible through massive job creation, provision of critical infrastructure, and a mutually beneficial relationship with communities and stakeholders, including ex-artisanal refiners.

He further enumerated the successes recorded in mangrove restoration, potable water provision, shoreline clean-up, public health, sustainable livelihood interventions

and construction of Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration Programmes, Ogoni Specialist Hospital, Buan Cottage Hospital as well as the Ogoni Power Project.

The Project Coordinator was presented with an Award of Excellence by the Coordinator, JIMC JTF (South South), Operation Delta Force, Major General Idris with a reciprocal gesture by Prof. Zabbey to the Joint Task Force Coordinator.

The meeting had in attendance other staff officers of the Joint Intelligence and Monitoring Centre, Joint Task Force (South-South), Operation Delta Safe, and HYPREP staff, including the Director of Technical Services, Prof. Damian-Paul Aguiyi, who gave the vote of thanks.



Vist of the JIMC JTF (South-South) to HYPREP Office

HYPREP COORDINATOR, PROF. ZABBEY, OTHERS HONOUR MEMORY OF A NATIONAL PATRIOT - A. T. BADEY

The Project Coordinator of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP), Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey was among dignitaries who honoured the memory and legacies of a national patriot, the late Albert Tombari Badey (CON).

Thirty-two years after his death, family and friends of the late national hero, Albert Badey put together a befitting 90th post humous birthday celebration that attracted personalities from far and wide.

At the event held in Port Harcourt, speakers took turns to eulogize the man who served Rivers State and Nigeria in different capacities in the civil service. According to a former Governor of Rivers State, Chief Rufus Ada-George, the late Albert Tombari Badey was “a man nurtured from the best traditions of the ecclesiastical order.”

The Project Coordinator of

HYPREP, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey and his wife, Mrs. Fashion Zabbey attended the Episcopal 90th Birthday Service, that featured a documentary on the life and times of the late patriot tagged: "Echoes of a Quiet Giant; the Albert Badey Story," and an inaugural lecture, delivered by Dr. Emmanuel Denenu, in addition to the unveiling of a proposed Albert Badey Centre for Development (ABCD).

It was a moment of deep reflection on the exemplary life that the 'Ogoni Star' lived as speakers described him as a sage, a global brand, an exceptional technocrat, a disciplinarian, and a leader per excellence, who touched lives beyond Ogoni.

On his part, the HYPREP Coordinator said Albert Tombari Badey was a role model and his legacies transcend generations, noting that the calibre of personalities at the event explains the kind of man A.T.

Badey was. Prof. Zabbey recall that under A.T. Badey as Head of Service and Secretary to the Rivers State Government, Rivers State Civil Service experienced great transformation.

Other dignitaries that attended the event included the Rivers State Governor, represented by the Secretary to the State Government, Dr. Dagogo Nwokoma; the Deputy Governor, Prof. Ngozi Odu; former Deputy Governor of Rivers State, Sir G.T. Toby; Head of Service, Dr. Mrs. Nengi Brown; former Secretary to the Rivers State Government, Hon. Gabriel Pidomson; and Sen. Benneth Birabi, who is the Chairman, BOT, Albert Badey Centre for Development (ABCD).

The Episcopal 90th Birthday Service was presided over by the Archbishop, Methodist Church of Nigeria, Port Harcourt, Most Rev'd Effion A. Esedeke.



HYPREP Coordinator, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey and his Wife, Fashion Zabbey During the 90th Post Humous Birthday Remembrance of Albert Tombari Badey

PICTURES OF THE MONTH



HYPREP PC, Zabbey Dedicates his Social Impact Award to the Environment Minister, Balarabe Abbas Lawal



HYPREP Staff, Friends Celebrate with Prof. Zabbey as Social Impact Man of the Year, 2025



Environment Minister, Lawal (L) in a Handshake with Alesa Monarch, Emere Emperor J. D. Nkpe



Prof. Zabbey at the Reception Organised for Senator Magnus Abe on His Inauguration as Chairman, NUPRC



HYPREP Coordinator, Prof. Zabbey Presents Souvenir to JIMC JTF Coordinator, Major General AA Idris



Prof. Zabbey Presents Medical Fitness Certificate to a Trainee of the Commercial Diving/Underwater Welding Programme



Publisher of African Leadership Magazine, Dr. Ken Giami (2nd) Presents a Plaque to Prof. Zabbey



Prof. Zabbey at the Service of Songs for Late Senator Barry Mpigi

OGONI CLEAN-UP ...HYPREP SPEARHEADING MANGROVE RESTORATION POETRY CORNER

DRY BONES ARE RISING

By: Dum Syl Aminikpo

In Ogoni's scarred womb, where crude had long defiled,
From Vuruvuru to Bon-na-ben

June 2, 2016

The firm voice roared
at Bodo Patrick Waterside
'We will clean this land'
'We will restore livelihoods'
'You will have clean water to drink'

'It will not work,' they snarled,
Doubt coiled like black smoke, choking every hopeful breath;
'Empty ritual,' they mocked, rehearsing certain death.
Yet time, that quiet surgeon, is peeling the poison from the land,
And green is returning where nothing had dared to make a stand,
Now fishermen mend their nets in waters once condemned,
And farmers coax the yams where oil once ruled unamended.
Livelihoods, once ghosts, reclaim their stubborn flesh and bone

A quiet miracle the cynics never could have known.
From Kono to Akpajo
Dry bones are rising.

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“You see a tree. I see life itself.”

–Fern Berg

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